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University Grays honored on its sesquicentennial

BY MALLORY SIMERVILE
The Daily Mississippian

This year marks the 150th year since the Civil War began. But for Oxford and Ole Miss, the war did not hit home until May 1, 1861.

Ole Miss students formed the University Grays that day to fight in the war as Confederates.

“Like many young men across the country, they felt a great desire to be involved,” said John Neff, associate professor of history. “These were the most momentous events of anyone’s life, and I think all young men from the age 18-22 felt that the most important thing in their lives would be to get involved, to somehow contribute.”

The infantry company University Grays (Co. A of the 11th Mississippi) formed before the campus closed and served throughout the war as part of the Army of Northern Virginia.

“So young men here, hearing about South Carolina’s secession in December and celebrating Mississippi’s secession in early January, began drilling and marching on the fields out here in what is now part of the Grove,” Neff said. “Organizing

themselves into what they hoped would be a military company.”

The company would not return home. University Grays suffered 100 percent casualties after the Battle of Shiloh in 1862.

“That’s when it really affected this part of the country,” said Jon Rawl, media representative of University Grays. “That’s when they literally put bodies on railroad cars and shipped them to Oxford, and they died here. It was morbid.”

The battle also aided in transforming the University into a hospital. While the campus was shut down for several years, hundreds died. The cemetery behind the C.M. “Tad” Smith Coliseum on campus holds the bodies of approximately 750 Union and Confederate soldiers that died within Oxford city limits.

Last week, the state of Mississippi placed a marker in front of the cemetery for the first time.

“We want to promote the Confederate cemetery and everything that lies with Ole Miss,” Rawl said. “The Civil War defined what kind of country we are going to be.”

University Grays still exist in Oxford as a group of sons of Confederate veterans. The orga-

nization is one of hundreds across the nation.

“Our purpose is to preserve and protect the legacy of the Confederate soldier,” Rawl said.

Rawl said that it was important to honor their memories.

“Here in Oxford our boys signed up to march the war,” he said. “That is an important role that they play, and we will always honor their service.”

In honor of the day, the University Grays hosted a ceremony in the cemetery to commemorate the young men marching from the Circle to the Oxford Depot.

“Literally right now is the very beginning of the war,” Rawl said. “Not a lot happened around here until 1862.”

Rawl also said that the cemetery aided in keeping Ole Miss in Oxford. It was one of the many factors that prevented the state from moving the University to Jackson.

“We have a very strong Confederate connection at Ole Miss, which ties into our Rebel nickname,” Rawl said. “I would say one of the most visible portions of our campus is a Confederate monument in the Circle; you can not come to Ole Miss and not see the Confederate.”

Civil War provides lessons for the future

BY JACOB BATTE
The Daily Mississippian

On April 12, 1861, the bloodiest war on United States soil began when the Confederate army attacked Fort Sumter in South Carolina.

What followed is one of the darkest periods in American history. Cities were destroyed, and over 620,000 soldiers died, plus many more civilians.

Nearly four years later on April 9, 1865, the Civil War ended at Appomattox when Confederate general Robert E. Lee surrendered to Ulysses S. Grant. The last shot was fired two months later.

One hundred fifty years later America moves on, but not without memory of the conflict that threatened to split a very young U.S. nation.

John Neff, associate professor of history, said that 150 years later, it is still as important as ever to remember and study the battle of the states.

“The Civil War continues to be an important bedrock of how this country thinks of itself, thinks of its identity,” Neff said. “We don’t live in the country that the revolution created or the Constitution created in 1790 — we live in the country that the Civil War created.”

Neff, who is the director of the Center for Civil War Research at Ole Miss (CCWR), said that was particularly true for the South, but it is also true for all of the U.S.

“All of our political relationships, all of our federal state relationships — our sense of nation, our sense of identity as citizens of the nation — are all fundamentally tied up in that conflict,” Neff said. “As such, studying the Civil War remains very important 150 years later.”

Neff believes the struggle that many Americans have now is how we look back and understand the importance of the conflict and the lives touched by the war.

“I think the struggle that we have now in this country is shared not just by college-age people, but people of all ages,” he said. “How do we think about our personal con-

nections with that history and then think about them, not from a personal stand point, but a national stand point? What role did that play in our national history?”



That is what the sesquicentennial should inspire people to do, that way they can open their minds and draw their own conclusions and begin a lifetime engagement with the Civil War.

Elizabeth Varon,
Civil War historian

Neff said the greatest takeaway for students is how we balance our personal connection to history and at the same time appreciate the large, very important things that transformed our nation.

“How do we hang on to ancestors, to individuals’ family stories, lore that comes down to us, our own sense of identity as the inheritors of a particular Civil War tradition, and yet balance that against an understanding of how the nation itself transformed,” he said.

On April 28, the CCWR held its first Burnham Lecture in Civil War History. The lecture was named for Ole Miss alumnus Dr. Van Robinson Burnham, who was also on the Board of Trustees of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History for 15 years.

“We hope that we are perpetuating his commitment to excellence and to life-long learning,” Neff said in his introduction to the lecture.

The speaker for the event was noted Civil War historian Elizabeth Varon. Varon is a professor of history at the University of Virginia and has just recently published a new book titled, “Disunion!: The Coming of the American Civil War, 1789-1859.”

Varon said she believes that part of the reason why the Civil War remains a period of perennial fascination for modern Americans is because some



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The Confederate Soldier’s Cemetery is the resting place for 430 Confederate war casualties and can be found behind the Tad Smith coliseum. Evidence of Ole Miss’ history in the Civil War can be found around campus with signs telling of the use and significance during the war.

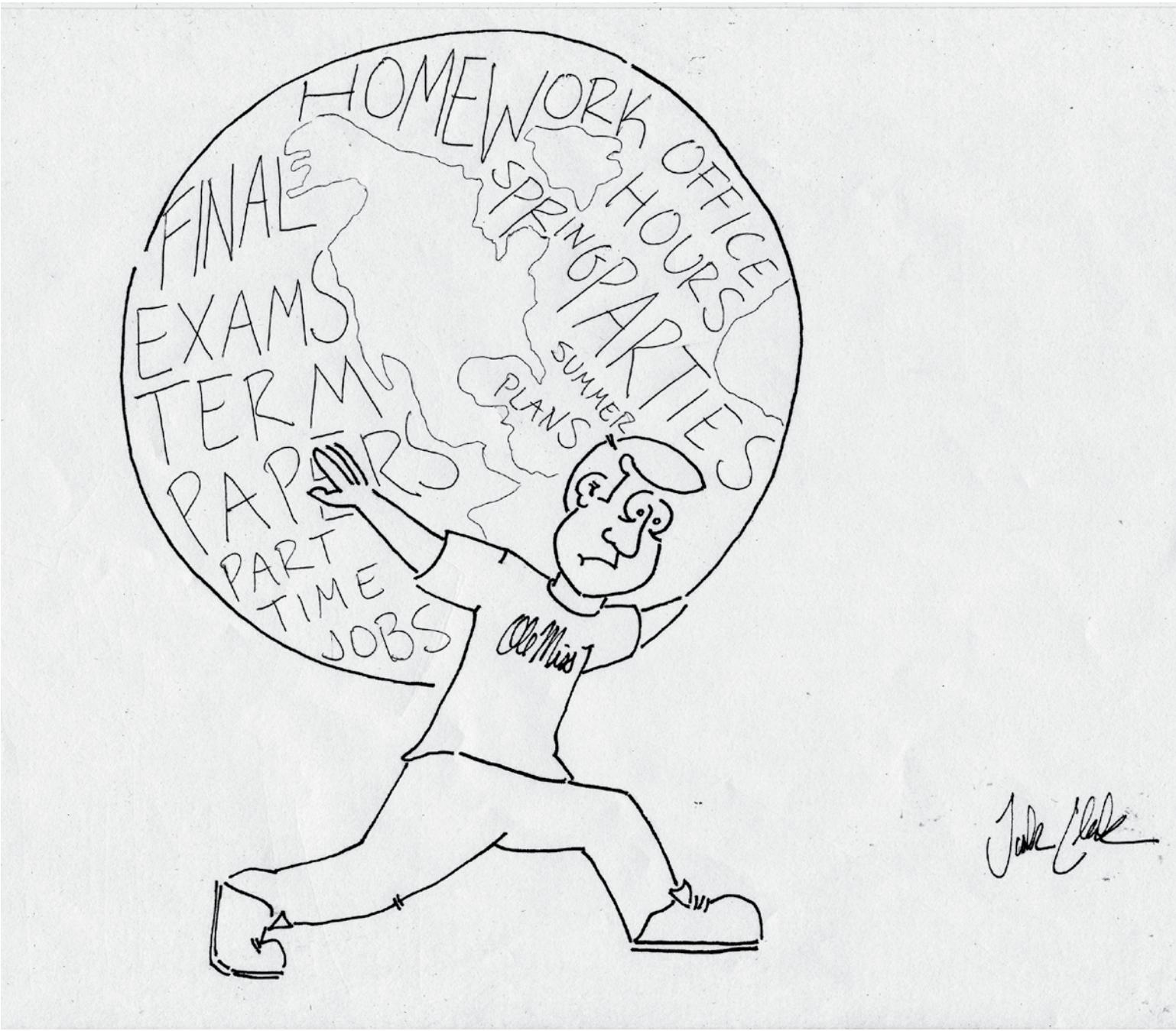
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BY JOSH CLARK
Cartoonist



Wasted hours



BY ANDREW DICKSON
Columnist

With only one column left to write for this spring semester, I decided now is as good a time as ever to write a reflective piece on my college experience, and I came to a dispiriting, but not surprising, realization: I've wasted a lot of time.

When I came to Ole Miss, I wasn't much of an active student. I didn't pay a lot of attention in school, I didn't prepare for tests and I was a professional procrastinator. I entered college with a head full of misconceptions and plenty of bad habits.

But after my first semester I realized that the classes in college were a bit different — the professors were no longer teaching me what to think, but how to think. In college I learned a methodical thinking process, or a "smell test," that I can apply to almost every facet of my everyday life (politics, academics, religion, etc.).

College made me realize just how many hours I wasted believing fantastical things before learning to think critically and use my mind to its full potential.

For a while, I felt like I had wasted a lot of hours in the classroom taking some tough classes that no longer even apply to my major, for example: taking journalism 371, biology 160 and re-taking biology 160 to actually pass it. Soon, I realized the significance of those classes.

I had to learn what I could put up with every day and what I couldn't before I could figure out what I wanted to do every day for the rest of my life.

Sometimes the hours you think you've wasted wind up being some of the most important hours of your life — times when you learn a lot about yourself.

But as I reflect on the time I've

wasted in college, my favorite memories come from the "time between tests" — all those hours I spent wasted. I know college students who inebriate their equilibriums everywhere, but there's something different about the way we constrict consciousness in Oxford.

Everyone who comes to Ole Miss and stays for at least a few semesters learns a valuable societal lesson — how to act at a social, how to meet new people, how to be charismatic around strangers, etc. All those "wasted hours" we spent together taught me something and gave me more memories than I'll ever need for this lifetime.

I'll remember other things from my time here: the Grove, the campus, the Square, the good football teams, the bad football teams and everything else about Oxford, but

the thing that I'll remember the most is realizing how important all those wasted hours were — how important these years have been in realizing who I am.

Faulkner once said, "I never know what I think about something until I read what I've written on it." I used to find that quote ridiculous, but now I know exactly what it means. Everyone has thoughts — why not figure out a way to organize them?

My advice to my peers is this: If you don't write, start, and if you already write, keep writing. It'll teach you a great deal about yourself and what you really think while giving you a medium to define your world. At the very least, it will give you something to do with all those wasted hours and, who knows, you may get good at it.

At least, that's been my college experience three years in.

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The inconceivable inhibitor



BY ADAM GANCHEAU
Columnist

Being frustrated with something and knowing that you are not living up to your potential are two of the worst feelings a human being can experience. Frustration occurs all too often — relationships, politics and life in general is frustrating. Living up to one's potential is something that is pleasing and rewarding, so when one fails to do so, it takes a toll on the strongest of minds. This week, I experienced both of these horrible feelings when I should have been experiencing great joy and pride.

Sunday night, President Obama announced to the na-

tion and the world that Osama bin Laden had been killed in an American operation. The news spread faster than any story I had ever seen, and the country began celebrating. I joined my friends in celebration. History had been made, and we experienced it. When the high eventually ended, I began thinking as I read different news websites and watched different news broadcasts on television.

Immediately after the announcement, conservative-based news organizations ripped Obama for not crediting former President George W. Bush for the capture. They criticized Obama for using the announcement as a campaign booster for the 2012 presidential race. They blamed the Democrats for not allowing this to happen sooner.

The liberal-based news organizations were just as irrational. They shot down the idea

that George W. Bush deserved any credit for the capture. They slammed the Republicans for allowing the war to even begin in the first place. They denounced the idea that this announcement was used for campaign purposes.

Even more critics have appeared since Sunday. According to these critics, Obama waited to announce the event until the middle of Donald Trump's hit television show "The Celebrity Apprentice" to drop viewers. According to these critics, Osama bin Laden is still alive and President Obama is using this lie to gain voter support for 2012. According to these critics, the Republicans feel bad because their president could not bag bin Laden.

My mind was immediately filled with frustration. How could these radical partisan members possibly be so negative when

one of the greatest moments in United States history occurred? The fact that American politics has become so partisan-based is why America is not living up to its full potential. Sunday night, America had the potential to be the happiest place on Earth. Instead, cynics sat on their laptops and made ridiculous, partisan-based claims.

There are many people who got it right, though.

The people who took to the streets of Washington, D.C., in front of the White House got it right. The people who stormed to Times Square in New York got it right. The people who went to Ground Zero and New York firehouses got it right. The people who threw America-themed parties got it right. If America was not so partisan-based, then everyone would have hit the streets and celebrated. Instead, we sat inside reading our left or right

wing garbage and started asking unwarranted questions.

Until the people of America get off this bandwagon of bias, the country will never reach its full potential. Until we forget about stupid partisan differences, frustration will flow through our society.

We have done something that has been more than a decade in the making, and we cannot even enjoy it. Our Founding Fathers would shake their heads in disgust. Maybe it is time to change. Have your views but do not let your views be defined by your party leaders.

Author and poet Richard Armour said it best: "Politics, it seems to me, for years, or all too long, has been concerned with right or left instead of right and wrong." Armour may well have had the most sense out of all of us.

God bless America.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Last September, a new neighbor of mine with small children told me about her being forced to move from her previous apartment because only students, staff and faculty of the University of Mississippi would be allowed to live there.

Most disconcerting to me, she and her family were only given two or three weeks notice to vacate, with no compensation for the relocation.

Right now, I do not know if this forced relocation was caused either by the administrators of the University or by the private businesses that owned the apartments.

My neighbors do not know for sure. Still, the neighbors are very displeased with the

University.

Hearing my neighbor tell me about her forced relocation, I thought about the malevolent treatment by the U.S. Government to the Native Americans on the Trail of Tears.

Fourty-five thousand people were forced to relocate with thousands of deaths on the way to Oklahoma from 1831 to 1839.

As for my neighbor, the amount of grievances and suffering are far less than the Native Americans.

I have been told that my neighbor's situation is not uncommon.

Still, the relocation of my neighbors and others in the same situation should have been treated with more consideration and some compensa-

tion.

I know very well of the severe shortage of on-campus housing.

Still, the University should be responsible for moderating the inconveniences of the forced relocations.

If not, are we the members of the Ole Miss community really different from the U.S. that tolerated the tragedy of the Trail of Tears?

Can the relocations being forced by either the private company "acting on behalf" of the University or by the administrators of the University be worthy of the title "A Great American Public University?"

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Letter to the University of Mississippi Community

The University of Mississippi values your safety. The Crisis Action Team and Incident Response Team spend considerable time planning and implementing strategies to provide you with timely information for your safety in times of imminent danger. Each person has a responsibility for his/her own safety, which includes knowing what to do in an emergency.

The Crisis Action Team has reviewed the reports of behaviors and actions that took place on our campus and in our community during the recent inclement weather. We have reports of people doing exactly what has been recommended, and we have reports that some did not. The team evaluated these reports in light of our current procedures, and the Crisis Action Team developed this letter to communicate key clarifications and instructions that should become common knowledge on our campus.

Sirens mean that a Tornado Warning has been issued, and our campus is in danger. These sirens should be taken very seriously and are only activated by the local Emergency Management Administrators if the National Weather Service has evidence that the campus is in the path of a tornado. The warning is over when the sirens have been silent for over 5 minutes. The siren system is the primary warning mechanism for tornadoes. This is how you will know we are under a warning.

In the case of a Tornado Warning (which means that a tornado has been sighted or detected by radar; and sirens are activated), **all university activities are automatically suspended.** This includes classes, meetings, laboratories, and business operations. At the first sound of a siren you should seek shelter immediately on the lowest level and toward the center of a building away from windows (for example, interior classrooms, offices, or corridors) and remain there until the Tornado Warning has expired. **Classes in session when the Tornado Warning is issued can resume immediately after the warning has expired at the discretion of the instructor. Classes that have not yet begun will resume 30 minutes after the Tornado Warning has expired, provided at least half of the class period remains.**

During an emergency situation, you should refer regularly to the UM Emergency Website (www.olemiss.edu/emergency) for the latest information and updates about our campus. The current Emergency Website is being enhanced to include an area that will contain the latest information with instructions regarding activities, classes, and conditions during and after an emergency. While this will not take the place of sirens when a Tornado Warning is issued, this area of the UM Emergency Website will be updated frequently as conditions and situations change.

Our University has multiple systems in place to warn our campus community of potentially dangerous weather situations. As a result of these systems and procedures, the National Weather Service designated The University of Mississippi as a StormReady Community. On April 27, 2011, the Crisis Action Team followed the procedures and protocols for Tornado Warnings.

The University has provided information to our community in various ways so that we will all know what to do when a tornado threatens our campus. These efforts will continue and include:

- Tornado preparedness posters (http://www.olemiss.edu/emergency/2011_tornadoes.pdf) are posted in University buildings.
- Tornado preparedness information is posted on our emergency website (<http://www.olemiss.edu/emergency/>).
- Tornado preparedness information appears in the *M-Book*.
- The University of Mississippi main home page included information in the month of April, which is the month when tornadoes most frequently occur in Mississippi.
- The Crisis Action Team distributed tornado preparedness information to campus during Severe Weather Awareness Week (February 21 – 25, 2011).
- On Tuesday, April 26, 2011, the Crisis Action Team notified Building Mayors (one assigned to every academic building) of the upcoming severe weather and reminded them of the proper procedures.
- The Crisis Action Team sends RebAlert messages for every **Tornado Watch** regardless of time of day. Eleven have been sent this semester and nine were sent in April alone. This text message informs members of the University community that a Tornado Watch has been issued and urges people to take precautions, monitor local weather reports, and seek shelter if a Tornado Warning is issued.
- The local Emergency Management Administrators test tornado sirens regularly on Wednesdays around noon. These sirens are not tested on days when there is a possibility of inclement weather.

Again, your safety is important to us. These resources, the clarifications, and the enhancement of our emergency website are intended to help you understand and remember what to do when dangerous weather is imminent.

Sincerely,

The Crisis Action Team
Sparky Reardon, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Dean of Students
Calvin Sellers, Director of University Police and Campus Safety
Noel Wilkin, Associate Provost
Jim Windham, Emergency Management Coordinator and Director of Procurement

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FOOTBALL STUDENT TICKETS

Student season tickets for the 2011 football season are now on sale.

Tickets are \$105, with no additional charges or processing fees, and the ticket will be downloaded to student IDs.

Ole Miss also announced that all other Rebels sports, including basketball and baseball, will be free for students beginning in 2011-12 home, regular-season events.

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Kappa Alpha Psi is hosting a fundraiser to raise money for the victims of the earthquake in Haiti and Japan.

Go to Zaxby's from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. today, and a portion of the proceeds made will go to the relief efforts.

They will also be collecting donations in front of the union from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.



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Students wait to pick up their yearbook as Callie Blackwell, journalism graduate student, distributes the 2011 Ole Miss yearbook in the Student Union lobby. Yearbooks can be picked up May 3 through May 5 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m with an Ole Miss student ID Over 1,000 yearbooks were distributed Tuesday.



Oxford crime rates low compared to state and national average

BY AVE MAYEUX
The Daily Mississippian

While there are plenty of places in Mississippi that have problems with crime, Oxford is not one of them.

With just 18,000 residents in the city, under 5 percent of the community has been involved with or affected by crime. The state average for Mississippians as a whole involved with or affected by crime is 30 percent.

Property crime was the category with the most offenses, with 385 cases reported in 2009. The lowest category was murder, non-negligent manslaughter and arson, for which no cases were reported.

In 2009 in Oxford, there were 794 reported crimes, according to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Uniform Crime Reports.

According to Oxford Police

Department officials, their mission is to prevent crime, preserve order and to protect the rights, lives and property of the citizens of Oxford. Looking at the numbers, some have said they are living up to that statement, including Reilly Hamilton, a senior marking major and Oxford native.

"The Oxford Police Department does a very good job of keeping Oxford and its residents safe," Hamilton said. "In my personal experience, they have always been very helpful and professional."

On a state level, Mississippi ranked 27th in 2009, dropping down one spot from 2008, according to the 2009 state crime rank.

The crime rate in Mississippi in 2009 was 12 percent lower than the 3.4 percent national average rate. Property crimes accounted for 91.2 percent of the

crime rate in Mississippi. The remaining 8 percent are violent crimes and are about 37 percent lower than other states, according to the National Institute of Corrections and the FBI Uniform Crime Reports.

According to the FBI, violent crime includes four offenses: murder and non-negligent manslaughter, rape, robbery and aggravated assault, crimes that involve force or threat of force.

Property crime includes burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft and arson.

The FBI defines theft-type offenses as the taking of money or property with no force or threat of force used against the victims.

The statewide low crime rate could be attributed to the fact that at year end in 2009, the Mississippi Department of Corrections managed 21,482 inmates with 3,245 employees.

However, Mississippi has a rate 38 percent higher than the national average of incarcerated adults per 100,000, according to the National Institute of Corrections.

Only 8,304 violent crimes were reported in the state in 2009, according to the Uniform Crime Reports. This includes 190 murder and non-negligent manslaughter cases, 939 forcible rapes, 2,965 robberies and 4,210 aggravated assaults. The state population is currently set at 2,951,996, according to a 2009 U.S. Census report.

In 2008, Mississippi taxpayers paid 47 percent lower than the other states per inmate in 2008. The average cost per inmate in Mississippi is \$15,188, whereas the average national cost is \$28,771, according to the National Institutes of Corrections.

According to the Neighbor-

hood Scout website, Oxford is safer than 18 percent of all cities in America. Out of every 1,000 residents, 2.29 are affected by violent crime and 41.89 by crimes involving property. This means about 4.4 percent of residents are impacted in some way.

Augusta Dunavin, assistant director at University Trails Apartments, feels the crime rates in Oxford, along with extra security measures, make it a safe environment for her and other residents.

"I feel very safe at University Trails," she said. "We have a 24/7 courtesy officer that lives on the property and she is available to everyone. All the residents have her number."

Dunavin is not aware of any crime that has taken place in the University Trails complex.

"I've never had any safety issues here thus far," Dunavin said.

Ole Miss continues to implement sustainable construction and renovation

BY MOLLY DYAL
The Daily Mississippian

The new law school is one of six buildings on campus that meets high standards of sustainability, a contributing factor toward Ole Miss' distinction as one of the greenest colleges in the nation.

The Robert C. Khayat Law Center is under certification to receive the Gold standard of Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design. This is the second-highest rating for LEED projects, which is determined by a point system based on a building's sustainable features.

Anne McCauley, project coordinator for the Office of Campus Sustainability, said standards for LEED projects cover many aspects during a building's entire life cycle.

"It starts with site selection," McCauley said. "If you are using land for a new project that was already in use, this can be better for the environment because you don't have to extend out further."

Ian Banner, director of facilities planning and University architect, said the law school received points for its site and orientation, its usage of recycled material and its highly efficient mechanical systems.

A large part of the building material that was used came from old buildings as well as sources nearby. McCauley said that over 55 percent of the wood used during construction was received locally, which helped cut back on fuel emission and transportation costs.

When designing the law school, Banner said he looked for ways to help increase its sustainability as well as its overall functionality.

"We tried to not compromise the function of the building, or otherwise it would become meaning-

less," Banner said. "One thing we did was use high performance glass for the windows. It was expensive, but it meant that we could use a less expensive air conditioning system. So we ended up saving more money in that regard."

McCauley said that once these features are in place in a building, they must be used efficiently to have real results.

"Building is the first step that sets your capacity, but then you have to operate it correctly," McCauley said. "You have to be aware of things like monitoring the lights and the air conditioning."

The law school's structure is designed so that daylight reaches nearly all points in the building. Reducing the need for artificial lighting can potentially lower energy consumption, but the light switches are controlled at the University's physical plant rather than in the building itself, which Banner said can be a risk if not monitored properly.

"We're in danger of making our buildings so complicated that nobody understands how to work them," Banner said. "But if we can get it working properly, I think we can save a great deal of energy. It's all about operating it now."

McCauley said the University will focus on working out the law school's kinks during its first year. She is confident it will be worth the investment.

"LEED buildings are more expensive up front but the idea is that over time it will save the University money," McCauley said.

Banner said he hopes to see the payback of the law school building within the first five years.

Other LEED-registered buildings on campus are Carrier Hall, the Center for Manufacturing

Excellence, the Mississippi Small Business Development Center, the Medicinal Plant building and the Research Park building.

Banner said Ole Miss' Green Initiative has grown substantially over the past few years.

"I want to give a lot of credit to our students because we have received so much interest and inquiries from them as to what the (LEED buildings) are all about," Banner said. "It's all about collectively changing our mindset; to be efficient in all aspects of our daily activities."

Caroline Williams, a junior chemical engineering major, served as president for Students for a Green Campus last year. She said student involvement helps further encourage the University's efforts.

"When students utilize the sustainable infrastructures and if they adopt more sustainable habits, it puts pressure on the University to

continue making improvements," Williams said.

One design challenge for this campus is to maintain the historic structures while making them more energy-efficient. Banner said the University is working on making the older buildings more sustainable with the LEED renovation program.

"Take the Croft Institute, for instance," Banner said. "We don't want to go over there and put double-glazing in the front of those windows because they're historically significant, but we can put a second layer of glass on the backside so that you can get your insulation qualities without destroying the historical significance of a

building."

McCauley said Ole Miss is undergoing renovations all over campus, including updating the lighting to higher-efficiency quality bulbs with timers. Banner and McCauley agree that small changes like these are as important as the larger ones.

Williams said she believes students at Ole Miss have the potential to become leaders in the country and that it all starts with participation right now.

"If we create a sustainable culture here at Ole Miss, inevitably, our sustainable culture will reach past the borders of our campus and make an impact much larger than just our university."

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of the issues about why it was fought remain unresolved.

“Power of the federal government and of the states, race religions, civil rights — these our live issues in our politics today,” Varon said.

Varon said the most important thing to take away from this sesquicentennial is the numerous sources available.

“We have tens of thousands of letters, memoirs and diaries, and other sorts of sources,” Varon said. “A lot of them are in places, archives like the one here at Ole Miss, and all over the South and the North, too.”

Varon said there is no substitute for going to those sources and holding them in your own hands and reading them for yourself.

“We historians can interpret them; we can try to read as widely and broadly in them as possible,” Varon said.

“But what will really spark your imagination, spark your interest is to go encounter them first hand.”

One big advantage that modern students have today is the availability of the Civil War documentation on the Internet.

“The web now has digitized letters and diaries, family papers and personal connections,” Varon said.

“It provides an intimate view of the war that takes you inside people’s heads and it really enables you to put your-

self in people’s shoes.”

Varon said she wants for students to take advantage of the numerous written sources and all of the landscape that has been preserved and made available.

“That is what the sesquicentennial should inspire people to do,” Varon said.

“That way they can open their minds and draw their own conclusions and begin a lifetime engagement with the Civil War.”

Poinsha Barnes, a student chair for the Diversity Rocks journalism program held last week, said she believes the country has grown an enormous amount since the Civil War.

“The fact that I am at this school, and I can participate in Diversity Rocks and actually embrace diversity has shown that we have grown leaps and bounds,” Barnes said.

A junior double-major in biology and journalism, Barnes said she believes that to move on to the future, you need to understand your past.

“If students realize that our past is so rocky, especially here in the South with James Meredith integrating and things like that, then 20 or 30 years from now, we can look back and see where we have come from,” Barnes said.

“We can tell someone later that this is where we came from and this is where we are. I am proud to be a Rebel.”



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The Porter family walks dog Banjo at the Lamar park. There are 1,000 square feet of land set aside for the new dog park so dogs have room to run.

BY MARIDANE HEWES
The Daily Mississippian

Dogs now have a place of their own to mark their territory.

Oxford recently opened its first dog park, and city officials are working with the Oxford-Lafayette Humane Society on the details of the upkeep and operations of the park.

Currently, 1,000 square feet of land has been set aside next to the Humane Society for the new dog park, where dog owners can let loose their pooch sans leash.

“We felt like it’d be good if people had a place for their animals, dogs in particular, to go and run,” Mayor Pat Patterson said.

The city had received complaints about dogs running free and causing disturbances, forcing the city to enforce a stricter leash law.

Currently, the leash law requires that dogs be kept on a leash and kept under direct control by their owner. This applies to public and private property. The previous law stated that dogs were to be kept under control by their owners, which left gray areas.

Police Chief Mike Martin said the new leash law was brought about due to a roaming dog in Lamar Park, which knocked a lady down, causing her to break her wrist. That incident was the “straw that broke the camel’s back,” Martin said.

Before, there had been complaints of dogs without leashes on city property, but that attack put the new changes in motion.

“This dog park will be beneficial to dogs and dog-lovers,” Kesha Rena, Oxford resident, said. “Oxford was in desperate need for a place for dogs and their owners to go to relax and have fun, especially due to the new leash laws.”

Officials are unsure as to who will be responsible for certain

aspects of the park, but they are working to develop a plan. As of right now, the Humane Society is responsible for it. Most other parks are under the jurisdiction of the Park Commission, which is part of the city government.

It has been stated by city officials that the operations of the park will be a combination of the city and Humane Society.

Rules and regulations are still being discussed for the park. One of the proposed rules is that only friendly dogs with all immunizations be allowed to pad through the gates of the park, but there remains no way of enforcing it.

Occasionally there are dogs who roam the city that do not have an owner. This is when animal control officers step in, find the dogs and bring them to the Humane Society. For information on adopting one of these dogs, visit www.oxfordpets.com or call the Humane Society at 662-801-6788.

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Facebook helps spread revolution in Middle East

BY CAROLINE JOHANSEN
Special to The DM

When the Egyptian revolution began on Jan. 25, Ole Miss graduate student Ahmed Abdelrahman had been in the United States for one week. Expecting the revolution to begin in November because of the elections, he was not surprised when it finally did happen — the Egyptian people had enough and wanted change. Abdelrahman talked to his family and friends every day, making sure they were safe and getting updates from within the country about what was happening. While many Ole Miss students may not know or understand what is going on in northern Africa and the Mid-

dle East, to some students it plays a big part in their lives. Adham Hagag is a graduate student in electrical engineering at Ole Miss. Although he said the Facebook Revolution (as it is called) was expected, he also said that no one expected it to end the way it did — with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak stepping down. “It started with a Facebook group who wanted to change some things,” Hagag said. “But no one expected that this would happen because Mubarak has been in power for 30 years, and he was very strong.” Hagag said the Facebook group’s name is “We are all Khaled Saeed.” Saeed was beaten to death by policemen on June 6, 2010. The group was set up the day

after he was killed. Its main purpose was to honor Saeed’s memory and to demand justice — it later became a call for national change in Egypt. According to Abdelrahman, President Mubarak was not always bad. When he first became president, he was considered a hero due to his performance within the Egyptian Air Force in the war against Israel in 1973. But then he changed. “He began to enlarge his army — not the Egyptian army, but his own soldiers — and then he began to prepare his son (to take over the presidency),” Abdelrahman said. “So the people said, ‘We want to change the (political) system.’”

Miguel Centellas, assistant professor in political science at Ole Miss, said the revolutions in Tunisia and Egypt have showcased how powerful social media and text messaging can be. “It’s become more difficult (for regimes to oppress their people), with satellite TV, the Internet and mobile phones,” he said. “Everyone talks about Facebook, but without text messaging the Egyptians couldn’t have organized the way they did.” Abdelrahman was in Oxford when the first protest took place at Tahrir Square, the biggest square in Cairo, Egypt. He learned from his family and the news that the protest was small, but still the police attacked protestors with batons. The incident upset many Egyptians, and more people came to the next protest. “The people became more confident,” Abdelrahman said. “They felt like they had the power and they wanted to change the (political) system.” To Abdelrahman, it was clear that Mubarak would not give up his power easily. “He (Mubarak) said there’s a problem between Muslims and Christians,” Abdelrahman said. “He told the U.S., ‘I need to stay here because if I don’t the region won’t be stable.’ It is not true — Christian or Muslim, they are still Egyptian.” Centellas said that no one expected the revolutions in Tunisia, Egypt, Libya and other countries in northern Africa and/or the Middle East to happen. He also said that none of the regimes have emerged suddenly — they have had 20 to 40 years of very close, intimate re-

lationships to several countries and their governments. “The European countries are exactly like the United States — having cozying up to dictators who provide them with cheap oil or other kinds of strategic interests,” Centellas said. Hagag said that Mubarak knew what he was doing — he made sure the people around him were loyal to him, and when he realized the protesters used the Internet to organize, he shut it down but only for about a week. “Mubarak couldn’t do what Libya (Muammar Gaddafi) is doing right now — bombing cities,” Hagag said. “In Egypt, people gathered at squares; they came together.” Centellas said people should care what is happening in northern Africa and the Middle East, and he gives two reasons. “One is the moral reason — if we believe in civil rights, we should expect our leaders to promote those ideas overseas,” he said. “The other side is, if we don’t want to end up with getting stuck in wars and have huge budget deficits, and have your country not being able to fund education or other things because they have to fund wars overseas, you need to pay attention to what is happening.” According to the news site Al-Jazeera, Mubarak stepped down 18 days after the revolution began. Abdelrahman said the army is now in control of the country. He is happy with the outcome and believes that Egypt is becoming more stable every day. “The power of the people is stronger than the president, than the regime,” Abdelrahman said.

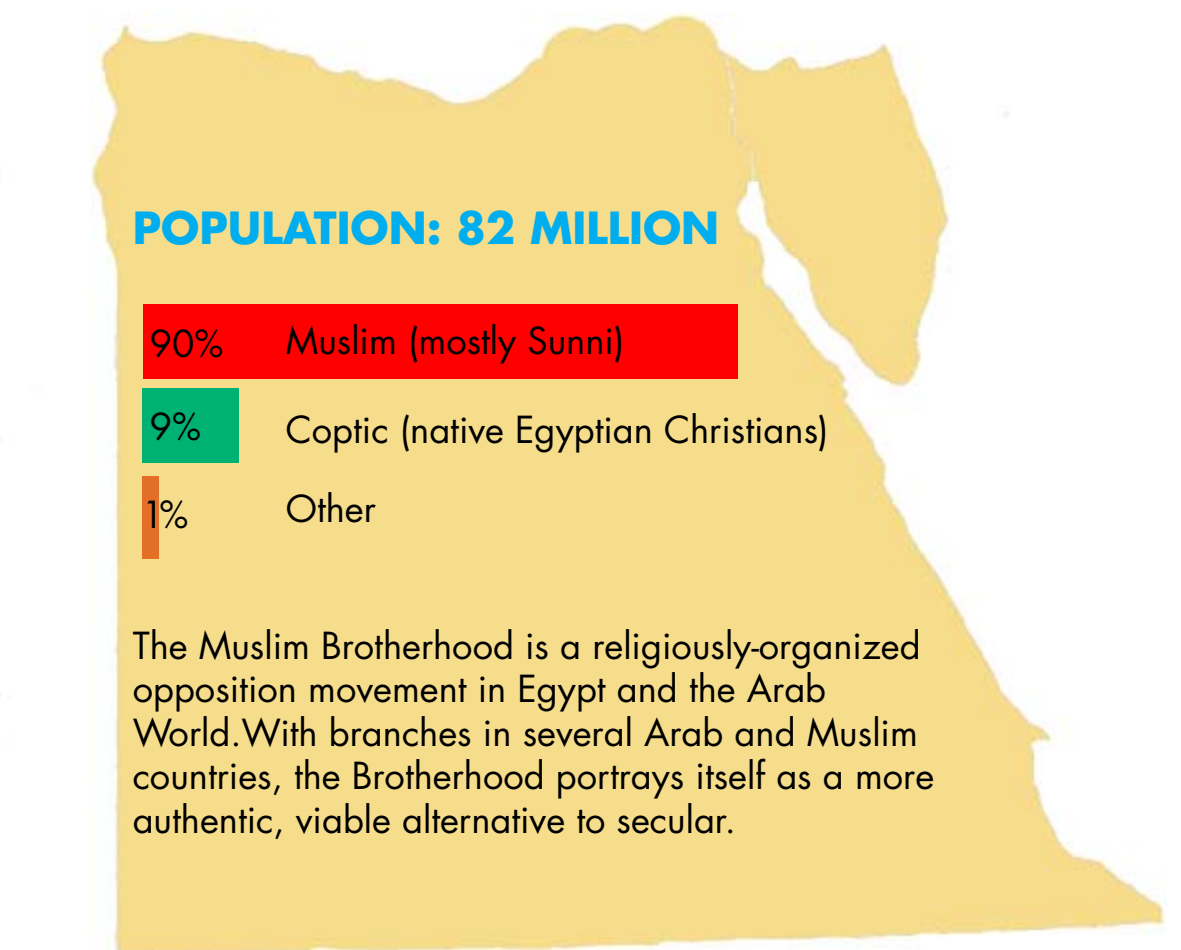


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Ole Miss club ‘hams it up’ in field competitions

BY AVERY GAULDIN
The Daily Mississippian

The Ole Miss Amateur Radio Club, or “ham radio” as it is sometimes called, is one of the smaller club organizations on campus, consisting of six student members and president Richard Burgett.

Burgett is a researcher and engineer who works for the UM National Center for Physical Acoustics and has been a part of the Amateur Radio Club for three years.

He said it is a privilege to be a part of the Amateur Radio Club and to be an amateur radio operator.

Amateur Radio is a hobby for many people and also a public service, where amateur radio operators or “hams” use radio communication equipment to communicate with other amateur radio operators for training, special events, emergencies and recreation.

To become an amateur radio op-

erator, a person must go through a licensing and training exam to obtain a license from the SEC to be able to operate on the airwaves.

“We are more than just a student organization — we also have amateur radio operators in Oxford and the Lafayette County areas and a few outside the county,” Burgett said.

One of the mandates that comes with amateur radio is public service.

This past weekend at the Double Decker festival, the amateur radio operators had Marshalls stationed at various places for the race that took place so that people would be able to call in at the start of the race to find out where their runner was and how they were doing throughout the race.

The radio operators were able to tell which runners had already passed by and which runners were coming around.

Burgett said the club does a number of helpful events around the Oxford and Lafayette area.

“We have helped with the diabetes walk, and we have also sponsored the lost kids tent,” he said.

“With the tornadoes that came through just recently, we have a storm spotter net that is coordinated with the National Weather Service. If people spot bad weather, they can give the weather service a heads up.”

Along with the public service and the radio operating, the club participates in an event known as radio sport.

“Radio sport gets into the contesting type of amateur radio; we set up our booth with the temporary antenna and a temporary power source and try and contact as many stations as possible,” Burgett said.

He also spoke of an upcoming event in June called Field Day, which is another type of contacting

contest. Field Day is similar to radio sport because it requires setting up a temporary antenna and temporary power source.

During Field Day, the amateur radio operators set up their station where they normally set up and simulate an actual emergency type of operation. Everyone keeps score of how many people they were able to contact, which indicates how well the station was set up and the station with the most people contacted wins.

Burgett also spoke of an interesting event happening in May that will consist of the emergency management people.

“They will be simulating an earthquake that takes place at the new Madrid fault line,” he said. “There will be five states participating in it and all of the communication and power will be knocked out. Which means no internet, phones, computers or anything. That’s where

amateur radio operators shine because we bring our own radios and power equipment with us.”

Amateur radio is based on a volunteer basis only, and no payment is accepted.

“It doesn’t mean we don’t know what we are doing,” Burgett said. “Many of the people who participate in amateur radio are in the engineering school at Ole Miss, lawyers and are professionals in their work environment.”

“The King of Jordan was an amateur radio operator. He always started quite the fuss when he got on the air.”

The Amateur Radio Club meets the first of every month, unless it is a holiday, at the Hospital on South Lamar.

To become involved in the UM Amateur Radio Club please contact Richard Burgett at 662-915-5641 or visit the Ole Miss website for club organizations.

A trendy year in review

BY MARY B. SELLERS
Columnist

We have been through a lot together.

A year provides a good amount of leeway for a variety of things to happen.

Some are good, some are bad and some are just plain enjoyable to poke fun at.

In honor of exams, summer and this long school year finally reaching a foreseeable close, I wanted to recap a few of my personal favorite “trends” that gained momentum this year.

Keep in mind that when I say “favorite,” it does not necessarily mean that I am in love with their concepts, or that I would suggest the uptake of said trend.

The first trend that I’d like to discuss is, ironically, trending on Twitter. I have a Twitter, and I may or may not have about six updates from the past two years.

Obviously I am not Twitter-savvy and am quickly being left in the dust by all of the cooler people who have found it the equivalent, if not the superior, of Facebook.

Friends who I would never have thought to like such a thing are constantly typing away on their touch-screen phones, laughing to themselves and even tweeting things I say.

However, I cannot help but giggle when someone exclaims, “I have to tweet that!”

It has become impulsive — an automatic reaction to something funny, bad, sad or in the check oth-

er category.

I know more about people than I want to know.

Telling the world about what someone is doing every 30 seconds has become much more fashionable than that archaic status update that I am still so attached to.

Secondly, there is this new feather-in-the-hair thing that has currently been spotted in almost every girl’s hair on this campus.

There was a huge explosion of multi-colored feathers that I still have yet to fully understand.

There was no specific day — they just appeared, tightly wound in girls’ locks. I have not yet come to terms with whether I like them or not.

They are appealing, I guess. Some days, I find myself admiring a certain turquoise one, marveling

at how “hip,” for lack of a better word, it looks.

It is definitely a personal preference.

Surprisingly, the look is not limited to a certain individual.

From sorority girls to girls who look like they would drop dead if someone handed them a tank with Greek letters on it, they all seem to be fascinated and taken by this trend.

So hey, why not? Diversity is good.

Finally, there was no trend this year like the trend of Justin Bieber. I know almost-kinda-sorta grown men who have posters of this kid on their wall. Yes, I said it. Kid. No, not superstar, or future husband or I’d be interested if I was a little younger teen crush.

He is a child who now has a movie documenting his life at the ripe old age of 16.

Now, I do not want to offend any Bieber fanatics. I get the appeal, I think.

He has a head full of swishy blonde hair.

I am pretty positive that Merriam Webster’s will soon be coming out with a definition specifically for “Bieber fever.”

On second thought, I bet Web MD will have one too...as a clinically diagnosed disorder.

I did my research and Justin Bieber was Facebook’s sixth most popular status update theme for 2010. That is scary.

On Twitter’s list he ranked eighth, coming right after the Haiti earthquake in fourth, the Apple iPad and the Android.

Guess who he beat? Harry freakin’ Potter.

Last time I checked, Bieber did not fly on broomsticks and vanquish psychotic, narcissistic wizards who like to play with souls like puzzle pieces.

So for all those “Bielebers” out there, you might just have an Avada Kedavra coming specifically your way.

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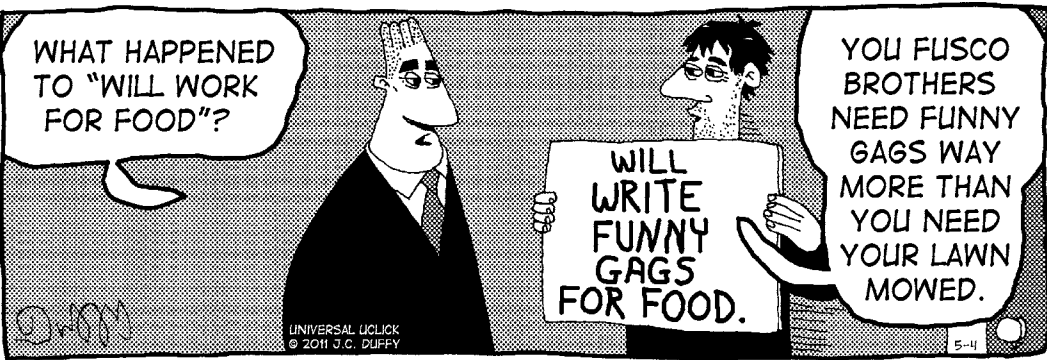
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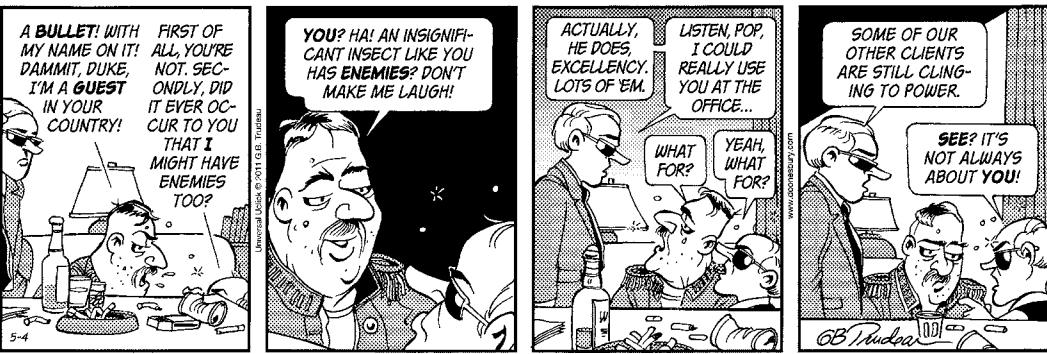
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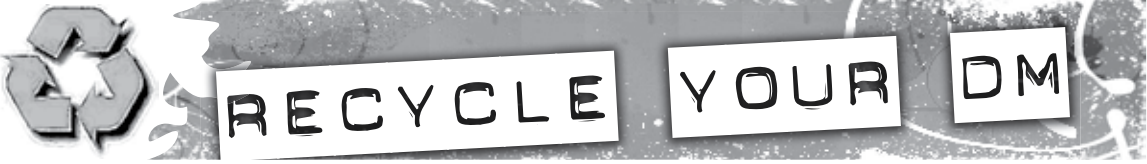
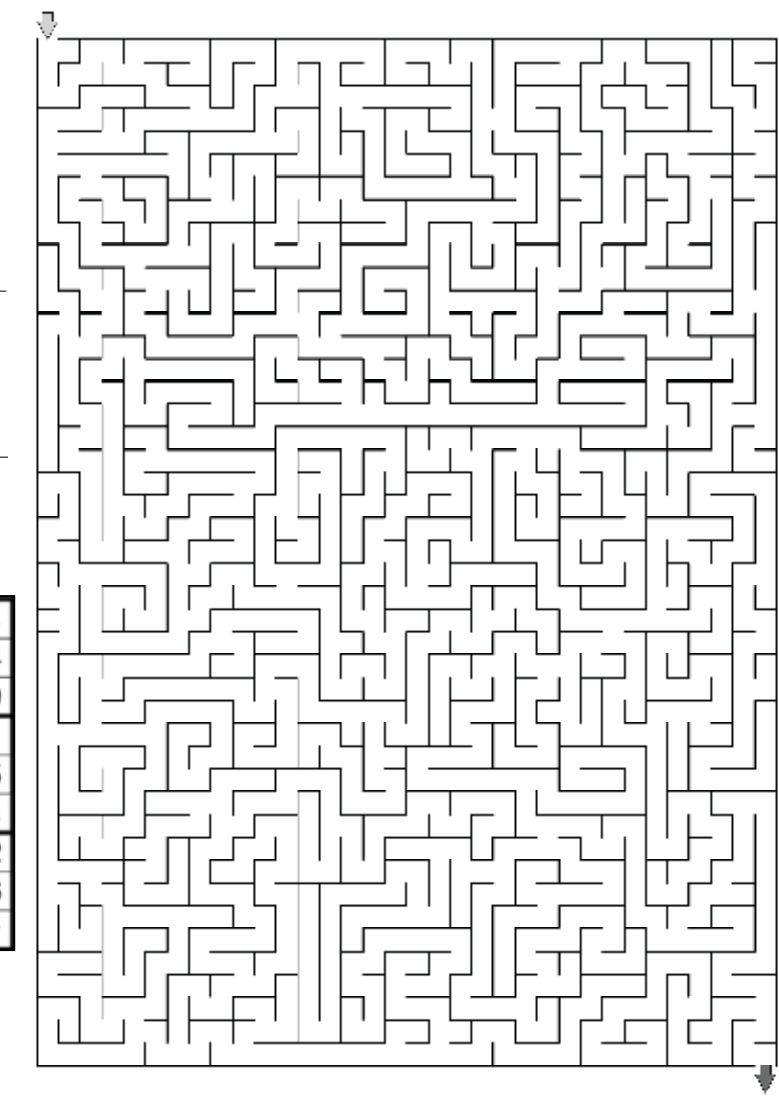
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NFL Draft in Review Part III: Ole Miss and the SEC

After breaking down the winners and losers of the 2011 NFL Draft, here is a breakdown of the draft picks hailing from each Southeastern Conference school.

BY BENNET HIPPI
The Daily Mississippian

Alabama: 5 players drafted
The Crimson Tide only had five players drafted but made them count as four of them were picked in the first round of the draft. Buffalo picked the first player from Alabama when they picked defensive tackle Marcell Dareus as the third overall pick. Atlanta then gave up a king's ransom to trade up from the back of the first round to the sixth overall pick to take wide receiver Julio Jones. The Saints also traded up into the first round to take former Heisman Trophy winner Mark Ingram, while the Seahawks surprised many by drafting offensive lineman James Carpenter late in the first round. Quarterback Greg McElroy went to the Jets in the seventh round.

Arkansas: 3 players drafted
Ryan Mallett plunged down draft boards leading up to the draft due to questions about his footwork, decision making and off-the-field character issues. He was

the first Razorback picked, coming off the board in the third round to the New England Patriots. Tight end D.J. Williams went in the fifth round to Green Bay, where he joins an already potent offensive attack, while offensive lineman DeMarcus Love went to the Vikings in the sixth round.

Auburn: 4 players drafted
Reigning Heisman Trophy winner Cam Newton went first overall to the Carolina Panthers, where he will become — for better or for worse — the new face of the franchise. Defensive tackle Nick Fairley went 13th overall to Detroit, where he will join one of the leagues better defensive lines.

Lesser-known defensive tackle Zach Clayton and offensive lineman Lee Ziemba were chosen in the seventh round by Tennessee and Carolina, respectively.

Florida: 4 players drafted
Mike Pouncey was the first Gator off the board, going in the first round to Miami, after his brother Maurkice was drafted by Pittsburgh in the first round of last

year's draft. Offensive tackle Marcus Gilbert got picked near the end of the second round by Pittsburgh. Safety Ahmad Black went to Tampa Bay in the fifth round, while offensive guard Marcus Hunt was chosen by Washington in the seventh round.

Georgia: 6 players drafted
The Bulldogs tied with LSU for the most players drafted by an SEC school, starting with A.J. Green to Cincinnati with the fourth overall pick. Defensive end Justin Houston and linebacker Akeem Dent went off the board in the third round to Kansas City and Atlanta, respectively. Offensive guard Clint Boling will join Green in Cincinnati as the Bengals drafted him in the fourth round. Receiver Kris Durham went in the fourth to Seattle, while fullback Shaun Chapas went to Dallas in the seventh.

Kentucky: 1 player drafted
The lone Wildcat drafted was do-it-all wide receiver Randall Cobb to Green Bay in the second round.

LSU: 6 players drafted

Patrick Peterson was the first Tiger taken, going 5th overall to Arizona. In the third round, linebacker Kelvin Sheppard went to Buffalo, running back and Natchez native Stevan Ridley went to New England, defensive tackle Drake Nevis went to Indianapolis and offensive tackle Joe Barksdale. Defensive end Lazarius Levingston rounds out the LSU draft class, going in the seventh round to Seattle.

Mississippi State: 4 players drafted
Derrek Sherrod went off the board with the last pick of the first round to Green Bay, giving them a versatile offensive tackle. Linebacker KJ Wright went to Seattle in the fourth round, while defensive end Pernell McPhee went to Baltimore in the fifth. Linebacker Chris Wright was chosen by Buffalo in the sixth.

Ole Miss: 1 player drafted
The Rebels had only one player drafted in this year's draft, but that one player was a fan favorite in defensive tackle Jerrell Powe. After drafting Dexter McCluster

and Kendrick Lewis last year, Kansas City chose another Rebel in Powe with their sixth round pick. After all Powe went through to get qualified for college and also dealing with weight and injury issues during his college stay, all Ole Miss fans hope for him is to have a bright future in the NFL.

South Carolina: 2 players drafted
Safety Chris Culliver was drafted early by most accounts, getting picked in the third round by San Francisco. Defensive end Cliff Matthews could be a sleeper to look out for as he lasted until the seventh round, where he was picked by Atlanta.

Tennessee: 2 players drafted
It's strange to see only two Tennessee players drafted, but that was the case this year as only tight end Luke Stocker and wide receiver Denarius Moore were drafted — in the fourth round and fifth rounds by Tampa Bay and Oakland, respectively.

Vanderbilt: 0 players drafted
Sorry, Vandy.

OLE MISS SPORTS INFORMATION

Ole Miss tennis teams learn NCAA destinations

Rebel Netters Headed To Hollywood For NCAA First And Second Rounds

The Ole Miss men's tennis team earned its 18th consecutive NCAA Championship bid and will continue its season in Los Angeles for the NCAA first and second rounds as the field of 64 was revealed Tuesday.

The Rebels earned the No. 2 seed and will face UC Irvine in the first round Friday, May 13, at 12 p.m. CT. UCLA is the No. 1 seed and will meet Binghamton in the first round. The winners will meet Saturday, May 14, at 5 p.m. CT for the right to advance to the NCAA Sweet 16 in Palo Alto, Calif., May 19-24.

This marks the 18th consecutive NCAA appearance for Ole Miss and the 20th overall. The Rebels have made it every year since 1994.

"It's always exciting to be going to California, especially with the bracket that we're in," head coach Billy Chadwick said. "We get to face UC Irvine first. We are familiar with their top players. They've got a very good team. UCLA is always one of the top teams in the country, and the last time we played them it was a very close match."

"We're looking forward to going to Hollywood," Chadwick said with a grin.

The Rebels finished the regular season with a 12-8 overall record, despite playing without senior Kalle Norberg most of the season. Norberg has missed 10 matches with a foot injury and only been available

in either singles or doubles for the other matches. With Norberg on the sidelines, the Rebels have relied on the leadership of senior All-SEC honoree Tucker Vorster.

"I am pleasantly surprised with our draw," Vorster said. "I definitely like our chances at UCLA. We were expecting either Texas or California, and California is a great place. We'll be playing against a good team in UC Irvine, and then if we're fortunate to advance, UCLA is a great team. We've been working hard in practice and are well-conditioned. I think we have a good chance to come out of the regional."

Women's Tennis Nets Third Straight Trip To Atlanta For NCAA's

For the third straight season, the Ole Miss women's tennis team will head to Atlanta, Ga., for the NCAA Championships first and second rounds as the field of 64 was revealed Tuesday.

The Rebels earned the No. 3 seed in the regional and will face second-seeded Arizona State in the first round Saturday, May 13, at 8 a.m. CT. Georgia Tech is the No. 1 seed and faces the No. 4 seed, Jacksonville State, in the first round.

The winners will meet Sunday, May 15, at 12 p.m. CT for the right to advance to the NCAA Sweet 16 in Palo Alto, Calif., May 20-24.

This marks the 14th overall and third straight NCAA appearance for Ole Miss.

The Rebels defeated UC Irvine and Georgia Tech last year in Atlanta to advance to the NCAA Fi-

nal 16.

"We know everything there is to know about Georgia Tech," head coach Mark Beyers said. "We know the courts, the hotel; it's our third year in a row. It's a tough first round against Arizona State, but again, we are very familiar with the surroundings. We are excited to be back in the NCAA Tournament and looking forward to trying to get out of that regional."

The Rebels, who have dealt with injuries to key players most of the season, finished the regular season 11-10 overall.

"When you are where we are (three seed), you could go anywhere. We are just happy for the girls to be

back in the NCAA Tournament," Beyers said. "It's a testament to where this team is that even though we struggled with injuries, we were able to get an NCAA bid. That's what you strive for at the beginning of the year."

The Rebels were led this year by junior Kristi Boxx and senior Connor Vogel, both of whom earned All-SEC honors. Boxx became the second player in Ole Miss women's tennis history to be named to the first team three times.

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Matt Smith: A living legend

BY AUSTIN MILLER
The Daily Mississippian

The legend of Matt Smith started with a 12th-inning walk-off home run to give Ole Miss a dramatic 4-3 win over Virginia in game one of the 2009 Super Regional.

His game-winning home run over the wall in left-center was immortalized the next day as Sports-Center's Top Play of The Day. However, in all-too-familiar fashion, the Diamond Rebels saw their season come to an end one game short of Omaha and the College World Series.

"He's just a star," head coach Mike Bianco said. "He's going to be a legend. A lot of times when they go through the program, you don't realize that at the time."

A four-year starter and a three-year captain, Smith has been the model of consistency for Ole Miss, having played and started nearly every game since he stepped on campus.

He has played both first base and right field, while also batting in the three or four hole and ranks among the all-time leaders in Ole Miss history.

Always a leader on the field and in the dugout, he became one of (if not the) face of the program this season.

"When he's here, you love him," Bianco said. "He's a guy that can hit in the middle of your lineup.

He can play first. He can play right field. He does whatever."

After the disappointing Super Regional loss to Virginia in 2009, Smith responded with the best season of his career and led Ole Miss back to the NCAA Tournament in 2010.

He led the team in each of the triple crown categories with a .348 batting average, 12 home runs and 54 runs batted in.

He also had a team-leading 78 hits and 63 runs scored.

For his career, Smith continues to grace the Ole Miss record book, taking sole possession of second all-time with 41 career home runs — seven shy of Kyle Gordon's 48 career home runs — after a solo shot in a 7-2 loss at Florida on Sunday.

A career .319 hitter, he also ranks among the Ole Miss all-time leaders in most other offensive categories: second in runs batted in (179), second in total bases (437), tied for third in hits (262), tied for third in runs scored (181) and sixth in walks (116).

To put that into perspective, Bianco compares Smith's impact to that of two-way standout Stephen Head, now with the Colorado Rockies organization.

"You talk about a kid that's been captain for three-straight years," he said.

"Like Stephen Head, he was elected captain as a sophomore.



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Senior first baseman and outfielder Matt Smith at the plate in a 12-10 win over Kentucky. Smith is batting .300 this season with a team-leading seven home runs as he continues to climb the Ole Miss record book in most offensive categories.

The players elect the captain and there's not a lot of teams that are electing a sophomore to be their captain. The last one before him was Stephen Head — so pretty good company."

Right now, Smith is not focused on his career numbers or his lasting legacy, but instead the Diamond

Rebels' 11 remaining games, including three conference weekends against No. 3 South Carolina, Mississippi State and No. 18 Arkansas. Smith looks to lead Ole Miss — currently eighth in the Southeastern Conference with a 9-12 conference record — back to its ninth straight SEC Tournament

and NCAA Regional.

"I haven't looked at the standings," he said.

"I'm pretty sure some of the other guys have. We know we haven't played that great. We know we have to win to get in or we're not. There's no really other way around it at the point."

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